

**Mayor Alan Arakawa's Report
on the
County of Maui**



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Dear Fellow Maui County Residents:

Working with you, we have made great strides over the past three years in building a better community. We now have a strong economy, increased job and business opportunities and substantial new affordable housing under construction. We have helped to preserve our environment and addressed issues of traffic, public transportation, water, parks, police and emergency services, and other matters important to you and your family. We have improved county services by reengineering the way that work is done, making smart investments in new technology and leveraging community involvement on behalf of civic goals. We have achieved these improvements while still balancing the budget.

This Mayor's Report on the County of Maui highlights a number of our accomplishments and some pending projects. It is a record of things completed or in progress thanks to the hard work and support of our county employees and our community.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 270-7855.

Aloha,

Alan M. Arakawa
Mayor

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

► Based on an affordable housing needs survey, 2,640 new affordable housing units are needed. More than 3,400 affordable housing units are in the process of being created and expected to be completed by 2008.



An aerial photo of the location of Sterling Kim's Hale Mua Project in Waiehu.

► Actively assisted and continuing to assist many housing projects including:

- 205-unit Spencer development in Waikapu currently under construction.
- 225-unit Hale Mua Project in Waiehu.
- 1,000 Hawaiian Homestead properties in Kula and Waiehu.
- Lokenani Hale, a 62-unit affordable apartment complex for senior citizens, adjacent to the former Ooka Supermarket.
- Hale Mahaolu Ehiku 112-unit affordable senior housing project in South Maui
- Stanford Carr's Piihana 400-rental unit project
- Maui Community College's 404-unit dormitory
- 52-unit West Maui Breakers project
- 255-unit Maui Lani mixed use project
- Maui Land & Pineapple Co.'s 456-unit Pulelehua project
- Kahana Ridge 117-unit project
- Kehalani Gardens' 126-unit project

► Supported Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' new projects in Waihee.

► Designed and coordinated development of new senior housing complex in Kahului.

► As of June 30, 2005, 1,419 families were being assisted with their rental payments under the federally funded Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

► Assisted over 600 homeless adults and children to find permanent housing.

► Hale O Wainee and Ka Hale A Ke Ole Homeless Resource Centers have provided housing to over 1,200 families.

ADDRESSING HUMAN CONCERNS & NEEDS

► Built and opened the West Maui Senior Center serving more than 800 seniors.

► Expanded the county's Kaunoa Senior Center to include a satellite center at the recently opened Binhi At Ani. The program is focused on meeting the interest and needs of seniors of Filipino ancestry.

► Pushed for and achieved the operation of the Helicopter Ambulance service in Maui County, a service that immediately started saving lives.



The West Maui Senior Center



The helicopter ambulance service which immediately started saving lives.

► New senior programs include:

- Who's in the Kitchen—cooking demos featuring guest chefs and various community leaders.
- Lunch & Movie — Overwhelming response since its introduction in July 2004.
- Night on the Town — Launched in June 2003, it features evening events allowing seniors to experience night time outings.
- Shape Up Across America — Helping seniors to become more physically active.
- Bingo Blast
- Senior Volunteer Training
- Kula Hospital Partnership —Preparing and delivering meals to the frail elderly in the Kula area.
- Pacesetters — walks and outings opened to all seniors.

► In FY 2005, Kaunoa Senior Services:

- Provided 4,789 classes/seminars through its Leisure Program
- Delivered 100,008 meals
- Provided 17,857 rides through its Assisted Transportation Program
- Served 87,760 meals through its Congregate Program

► Sponsored the "Welcome Home Troops" parade, in addition to the other military appreciation festivities at War Memorial Soccer Field in Spring 2005, to honor Maui County's Army reservists who returned home from Iraq.

► Initiated the Mayor's Military Appreciation Program and worked with local business community to offer discounts to our men and women in uniform and their families.

► Assisted 1,152 qualified immigrants to become American citizens, and 4,745 immigrants in reuniting their families.

► Awarded \$8,554,962 for Community Partnership Grants, Youth Centers, Youth Programs, and Culture & Art Programs from FY 2004 to FY 2006.

► In the area of substance abuse, the County has granted \$1,114,000 to six community organizations which served 1,028 clients for FY 2005.

► Assisted in the creation of transitional housing for those in recovery.

► Assisted over 1,500 persons with basic needs (food, clothing, medical and transportation).

► Received a grant of \$35,000 per year to implement the After-School Acculturation Program — a partnership of the county's Immigrant Services Division, Boys & Girls Club of Maui and Department of Education. Program's components: mentoring, tutoring, and organizing physical activities and field trips for immigrant participants. For the last three years, there were 154 immigrant students who participated in the program.

► Joined other mayors throughout the U.S. in supporting Partners of After-school for All: Project 2010 to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality, safe and enriching after school programs by the year 2010.

► Assisted the expansion of the Boys & Girls Club of Maui's Central Maui Clubhouse project.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

► Appointed first-ever Maui County Environmental Coordinator, Rob Parsons, thereby establishing greater ability to respond to community environmental concerns, expand conservation initiatives, support eco-friendly legislation and address a broad range of environmental issues on a daily basis.

► Put invasive species funding as a top priority in budget requests at county, state and federal levels.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (Continued)

► Provided an immediate solution to vessels dumping sewage at sea by funding an interim wastewater pumpout truck service at the Ma'alaea Small Boat Harbor and recently applied for grants to supplement the county's interim funding.

► Conducted the Great Appliance Roundup collecting over 4,800 appliances for shipping to an Oahu metal processor. Landfill diversion was approximately 30%.

► Worked to identify and contract with a new processor of abandoned and derelict vehicles and appliances on Maui.

► Completed the new Community Recycling Drop-Off Center at Maui Community College.

► Initiated the use of B-20 biodiesel fuel in county vehicles.

► Joined a nationwide movement of mayors pledging support for Kyoto Protocol goals of reduced air emissions which affect global warming.

► Increased public awareness of environmental issues through educational outreach via booths, radio, public access television, newspaper articles and the County of Maui website.

► Developing conceptual planning towards the goal of establishing a Maui County Environmental Resource Center.

► Supported resource conservation by opposing commercial kayak tours in the Natural Area Reserve at 'Ahihi-Kina'u and endorsing the continuation of a seasonal thrillcraft ban.

► Implemented the Deposit Beverage Container Program.



The Great Appliance Roundup collected over 4,800 appliances.



The new Community Recycling Drop-Off Center at Maui Community College.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

► Established the Maui County Business Resource Center and Maui County Store in the Maui Mall, assisting approximately 3,000 entrepreneurs in business development and expansion, and providing retail training to MCC students.



► Issued over \$6 million per year in grants to non-profit organizations to support their economic development efforts.

► Attracted film, TV and video projects resulting in an economic impact of \$11.8 million over the past three years.

► Appointed the County's first Agricultural Specialist to help nurture the agricultural industry as a re-emerging and a vital industrial component of our economy, environment and rural lifestyle.

► Appointed the County's first Small Business Advocate to address the needs and concerns of the small business community.

► Supported the Maui Economic Development Board's efforts in the expansion of the Maui Research & Technology Center.

► Revived Maui County's SCORE (Service Corp. of Retired Executives) program.

► Funded the repair of the Keanae Peninsula Flume for the benefit of Keanae's taro farmers and the local Keanae community.

► Introduced legislation for a Wailuku Property Tax Abatement Ordinance to encourage landowners and businesses to make necessary improvements to further

efforts to revitalize Wailuku. The legislation was recently approved by the County Council's Budget & Finance Committee on January 3, 2006.

► Partnered with the Maui Chamber of Commerce in establishing and sponsoring the Mayor's Small Business Awards Program.

► Partnered with the Moloka'i Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring Moloka'i's Annual Food & Business Expo.

► In partnership with the Hawaii Tourism Authority, coordinated an annual county program to provide enrichment activity and cultural events for residents and visitors including: the Chinese New Year in Central & West Maui, East Maui Taro Festival, International Festival of Canoes, Moloka'i's Ka Hula Piko, Somos Amigos, LifeFest and Lana'i's Pineapple Festival.

► Initiated legislation for a Home Occupation Business Ordinance.



The newly repaired Keanae Flume

PARKS & RECREATION

► Sponsored many events including:

- Maui Invitational Basketball Tournament
- Age Group Pan Pacific Championships
- Maui County Fair
- World Youth Basketball
- State MIL Swim Championships
- State Age Group Championships
- Maui Water Polo Invitational
- USSA Western Zones Championships

► Formed the Kalama Park Action Team that engineered citizen patrols through the park, restoration of the Whale's Tail sculpture fronting the park, development of a private and governmental partnership that restored a dilapidated skateboard park, and a plan to further reduce the incidence of crime by establishing a walking trail around the periphery of the park.

► Acquired the Wailuku Pool.

► Acquired the Waihee Ball Park.

► Expanded the Learn to Swim Program in cooperation with area schools.

► Expanded the Junior Life Guard Program to include Lana'i, Hana, Moloka'i, Lahaina Aquatic Center and Kihei Aquatic Center.

► Provided new ocean safety service at Ho'okipa.

► Initiated the Wheelie Tennis Program providing service to our wheelchair population every Saturday morning.

► Constructed Napili Park Phase II.

► Renovated the Lahaina Civic Center air conditioning system.



Members of the Kalama Park Action Team

SAVING OPEN SPACE

► Contributed \$1 million in September 2004 toward the preservation of Hana's Mu'olea Point, a historic 73-acre property in Hana, in perpetuity, and accepted a grant of funds from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) toward this purchase — a milestone in Maui's history.



Hana's Mu'olea Point

► Contributed \$1 million to the Maui Coastal Land Trust toward the purchase of 277 acres of the old Waihee Dairy along the northwest coast of Maui for future generations to enjoy as a cultural and environmental treasure.

► Settled legal action on Montana Beach, next to Baldwin Park, adding approximately 2.5 acres of invaluable beachfront property to the park.

► Acquired executive orders from Governor Lingle for the Puunene Airport and Kihei Veterans Lodge properties.

► Purchased 100 acres of coastline land at Ukumehame for \$4 million which will lead the way to the establishment of an eight-mile linear beachfront.



The Ukumehame coastline

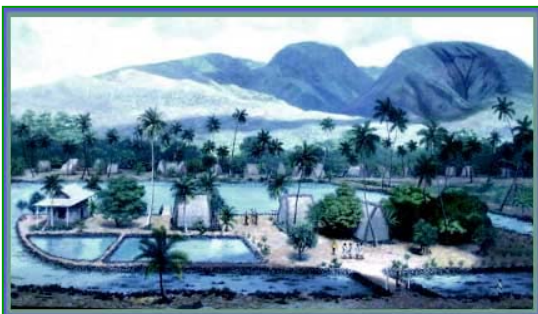
► Added much needed space to Eddie Tam Park.

► Successfully mediated the public acquisition of the Hui No'eau Kalua Nui property.

► Initiated discussion with U.S. Congressional Representative Ed Case to request a federal study to put a mile-long beach and coastal dune system into conservation protection at Baldwin Beach, stretching from Paia to Spreckelsville.

► Provided a \$500,000 county grant to the Friends of Moku'ula for a major preservation effort and restoration plan for Moku'ula in Lahaina.

Once the capitol of the Kingdom of Hawai'i from the time of Pi'ilani (15th century) to Kamehameha III (19th century), Moku'ula's site is listed on Sacred Sites International Foundation's "Most Endangered Sacred Sites List."



A rendering of Moku'ula

PUBLIC SAFETY

► In July 2005, the Maui Police Department received national re-accreditation from the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. MPD continues to be among only the 3% of the 17,000 police departments in the U.S. which are accredited.

► Completed and opened the new Lana'i Police Station in 2004, replacing the old station which had been in service since 1939. This state of the art facility can be used for a model of police facilities across the state.



The newly opened Lana'i Police Station

► Completed and deployed the enhanced 911 wireless systems to allow police dispatchers to pinpoint the location of persons calling 911 from cellular phones. Maui County was the first in the state to deploy this system.

► Worked in concert with other law enforcement agencies in Hawai'i in several long-term investigations which resulted in the successful dismantling of several major drug organizations operating on Maui, throughout Hawai'i, and in other states and countries.

► Obtained a federal grant for a Clan Lab Vehicle which is outfitted with the safety equipment needed for the investigation and recovery of evidence used in the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine.

► Obtained a COPS Meth Initiative Grant to develop partnerships with residents at low income housing areas in Wailuku to reduce crime and drug use.

► Obtained a federal grant to expand the highly successful School Resource Officer program to schools including Iao, Kalama, Lahaina, Lokelani and Maui Waena Intermediate Schools.

► The Department of the Prosecuting Attorney created 62 "stalking kits" for distribution to police, schools, churches, community agencies and potential victims at risk for stalking. These kits consisted of donated used cell phones that could be charged to call 911, keychain alarms, disposable cameras, small recorders to use for safety and collection of evidence.

► Obtained a federal grant to file petitions to hold hearings for community notification system of convicted sex offenders.

► Opened the new Wailea Fire Station.

► Secured funds to acquire land and to design a new fire station in Kaunakakai.

► Obtained FEMA grants to develop a Firefighter Wellness Fitness program and acquire a Live Burn Trailer to improve firefighter training.

► Acquired a fire prevention Fire Safety Trailer to provide fire safety-public education for the community.

► Trained personnel in weapons of mass destruction, awareness and preparedness for terrorism, bio-chemical and nuclear incidents.



The new Wailea Fire Station



The new Live Burn Trailer



The new Fire Safety Trailer

PUBLIC SAFETY (Continued)

- ▶ Maui County earned the distinction of being Tsunami Ready by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in 2003, and received the Storm Ready designation by NOAA in 2004.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- ▶ Created the Community Prosecutor Program which took Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jerrie Sheppard into the South Maui community with great success.
- ▶ Created the Mayor's Boards and Commissions Advisory Committee – taking the politics out of the appointment process.
- ▶ Worked with Binhi At Ani to complete the Maui Filipino Community Center.
- ▶ Conducted extensive educational sessions on the County's Real Property Tax Circuit Breaker Credit Program. While the program had experienced a drop in enrollment from 1999 to 2002, the program has seen a steady increase from year to year. From 2004 to 2005, enrollment increased by about 50% to more than 1,000 taxpayers benefiting from this program.



Staff of the Finance Department's
Real Property Tax Division

- ▶ Established the Mayor's Hana and Lahaina Advisory Committees.

- ▶ Established the Mu'olea Advisory Committee – allowing the Hana community to determine the type of preservation to be conducted on this historic and culturally significant property.

- ▶ Sought the advice of a Cruise Ship Task Force, made up of a cross section of prominent community leaders; its report may be downloaded at: www.mauicounty.gov/mayor/cstf.htm.

- ▶ Created the Puunene Motor Sports Committee to decide how to accommodate the various motor sports at the Puunene Raceway area.

- ▶ The Department of Liquor Control met regularly and worked in partnership with liquor licensees, governmental agencies and the public to address and resolve multiple concerns, resulting in better understanding between parties and several joint cooperative efforts.

- ▶ Established the Mayor's Small Business Advisory Task Force to address the needs, issues and problems facing Maui County's business community.

- ▶ Organized the Maui County Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking and sponsored the Maui County Youth Summits to prevent underage drinking.

- ▶ Established the Mayor's Iao Theatre Restoration Initiatives Task Force to look into the future potential of Wailuku's historic Iao Theatre.

- ▶ Conducted a needs assessment survey, gathering data from 5,000 residents, to assist in the planning of priorities for recreational facilities and staff scheduling.

- ▶ Sponsored Focus Maui Nui — a major effort to find out what our people want for their county's future.



Mayor's Iao Theatre Restoration Initiatives Task Force



TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ Acquired \$702,900 in Federal Transit Administration funding for the operation of rural transportation.

- ▶ Developed a public bus transit system to connect communities in South, West and Central Maui.

- ▶ Developed ridership and awareness of Maui's public bus system, and reaped a 150% ridership increase over FY 2004.

- ▶ Championed Maui County's effort to acquire

- ▶ \$9.3 million in harbor improvements at Manele, Kaunakakai and Maalaea small boat harbors.

- ▶ Worked with the state Department of Transportation to develop transportation planning capabilities via travel-demand forecasting software.



Maui Bus Transit

WATER

- ▶ Working to restore Maui's stream eco-systems by partnering with Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Earthjustice and Maui Tomorrow to support restoration of stream flows for Na Wai Eha.

- ▶ Established a new 2.6-mile, \$4 million Hamoa-to-Hana waterline, upgrading water service and fire protection in East Maui.

- ▶ Took control of the county water department from the Board of Water Supply, providing elected authority over the operations of the department.

- ▶ Settled a long-standing legal dispute between environmentalists, Haiku residents and Maui County about the development of additional wells in Haiku.

- ▶ Worked to create new water sources: tapping surface sources, new wells, investigating desalination.

- ▶ Contested federal and state control over which chemicals should be allowed in the Upcountry water system, winning permission to shift to an approach that has not negatively affected the health of Upcountry residents.

- ▶ Established the Upcountry Water Advisory Committee which is overseeing a \$497,100 U.S. EPA grant to investigate the problems with the Upcountry water system.

- ▶ Managed withdrawals from the Iao Aquifer after state designation in 2003.

- ▶ Upgraded the water system in Honokohau Valley, West Maui.

- ▶ Improved water quality in Upcountry with the corrosion control project and implementation of the flushing program.

- ▶ Completed projects including:

- Keokea Lateral, Phase I
- Lahaina Water Treatment Facility Pre-Sedimentation Basin Modification
- Construction of a granular activated carbon filter treatment facility



Gathered for and celebrating the Dec. 15, 2005 press conference announcing resolution of litigation by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hui No Na Wai 'Eha and the Maui Meadows Homeowners Association regarding the Maui Department of Water Supply's Water Permit Use Applications for the 'Iao Aquifer, were (front row, l-r) OHA Trustee Chairperson Haunani Apoliona, Mayor Arakawa, and Earthjustice attorney Kapua Sproat. Back row (l-r) OHA Maui Trustee Boyd Mossman, Deputy Corporation Counsel Jane Lovell (lead County attorney on the case), Corporation Counsel Brian Moto, Nui o Na Wai Eha President and Vice President, respectively, Burt Sakata and John Duey.

WATER (Continued)

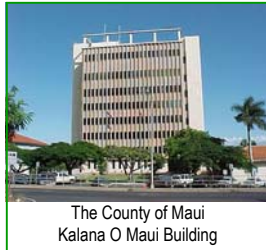
- Replacement of numerous water service laterals to improve distribution service to affected customers
- Mahinahina Water Treatment Facility Effluent Flow Meter
- Lower Kula Tank and Booster Pump Station
- Ulumalu-Peahi Water System Improvements
- Ainakula Road and Haleakala Highway Waterline Replacement Project
- Honokohau Water Transmission Project

PUBLIC WORKS & OTHER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Completed and opened the new Central Maui Landfill, as well as the Maui Central Maui Recycling and Refuse Center on December 21, 2005.
- Completed 109 miles of various roadway improvements to include resurfacing, drainage, signing and striping, speed humps, ADA compliant curb ramps, guardrail installation and other safety improvements, costing \$25,233,344. Makawao Avenue was resurfaced in 2005.
- Processed more than 8,603 building permits and addressed 2,789 Requests for Services.
- Cleaned more than 1,600 storm drains.
- Wastewater treatment facilities modified to improve solids handling, reliability and address tsunami inundation concerns.
- Removed more than 20,000 cubic yards of silt from the Kaunakakai Flood Control.
- Captured \$9.3 million in federal harbors improvement funds that would otherwise have been lost.
- Completed the second phase of the Spreckelsville Bikeway.
- Completed the Wailuku Police Resource Center and Public Restrooms.
- Opened a Department of Liquor Control office in Lahaina.
- Completed the press box at War Memorial Stadium.
- Constructed new storage, restrooms and covered lanai at Wells Park.
- Renovated exterior and interior of the County of Maui Kalana O Maui building.
- Completed improvements to the County's 800 MHZ communication system.



The modification of the County's wastewater treatment facilities



The County of Maui Kalana O Maui Building

OTHER PLANNING INITIATIVES

- Supported the re-tooling of the county's General Plan, making it a much more comprehensive, effective document.
- Created a GIS mapping system for Maui County.
- Modified shoreline setback regulations to protect Maui's structures by utilizing historic coastal erosion rates.



GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

- The carryover savings balance was \$4 million at the time of transition from the previous administration to the Arakawa Administration. In one year's time, the carryover savings balance for the second year of the Arakawa Administration was over \$17 million through cuts in government operational spending. The third year of the Administration will show that carryover savings will again be considerable.
- Issued the second largest bond offering in county's history — \$59,300,000 which included \$21 million of new money and refunding portions of the county's 1998 & 1999 bonds which produced net savings of more than \$1.4 million.
- Took antiquated personnel management system into the 21st century, increasing efficiency and ending \$150,000 in annual system charges to outside vendors.
- Expanded county office space through the lease of One Main Plaza.
- Increased county workforce in areas where staff deficiencies affected the county's ability to serve the community effectively.
- Upgraded the Community Development Block Grant program, thereby creating a number of important new county and community resources through this federal funding source.
- Dramatically improved landfill billing and collection such that receivables were slashed to a record low of \$964,611 — a 53% decline from two years ago, through diligent collection efforts.
- Implemented insurance brokerage services that, coupled with claims reductions, have resulted in a reduction in the amount of insurance premiums the county pays each year. In 2004-2005, the county's premium expense was reduced by more than \$100,000.
- Implemented a Purchasing Card program in 2004-2005, allowing for operational departments to procure goods through a credit card program rather than the timely, cumbersome and costly Purchase Order process. The result is quicker transaction times and cost savings for purchase processing requests.
- Incorporated recommendations from the Mayor's Service Center Task Force to improve services at the Kahului Service Center.
- Initiated the County Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program and installed AEDs at 20 public sites (community centers in Wailuku, Kihei, Lahaina, Haiku, Paia, Keanae, Pukalani, Makawao, Waikapu, Kula and Hana, as well as the Haliimaile Annex, War Memorial Gym, Kalana O Maui county building, County Service Center, Waiehu Golf Course and Helene Hall in Hana) and held community meetings to make people aware of the life-saving devices.
- Enhanced the public's ease of access to county's website by creating www.mauicounty.gov.



Mayor's Service Center Task Force presenting its report to Mayor Arakawa

ADVOCACY

- Successfully lobbied the State Legislature in obtaining:
 - \$3 million in state funds and \$3.25 million in matching federal funds for the upcountry dual agriculture water line development and improvements.
 - \$450,000 for Moloka'i Irrigation System for capital improvements and development of new water sources.

ADVOCACY (Continued)

- \$431,000 for the Waihee Deep Monitor Well to collect hydrologic and geologic information and observe aquifer performance.
 - \$1.35 million for harbor improvements to Hana Wharf and Small Boat Harbor.
 - \$90,000 FOR Hale Mahaolu for a personal care program for disabled or chronically ill, frail adults and elders residing in Maui County.
 - \$1.7 million for operating costs, redevelopment and renovations of Moloka'i General Hospital.
 - \$1 million for operational expenses and the construction of a nutrition training center for Hana Community Health Center.
 - \$50,000 for Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc. for its evening transportation service for dialysis treatment programs in Maui County.
 - \$30,000 for the Hui Malama Learning Center to provide alternative education services for Maui's at-risk youth.
 - \$16.25 million for Kulamalu long-term care facility on Maui.
 - Public access via the internet to information on Hawaii's sex offenders, including those convicted in Maui County.
- Opposed Honolulu's Excise Tax increase due to negative impacts to Maui County residents.
- Forced developers to look seriously at building new schools.
- Supported development of a Kihei High School.
- Advocated for a 4-year curriculum at Maui Community College.
- Supported development of a new 400-room dorm complex for Maui Community College.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

► Strengthened the County of Maui's Sister Cities Program, establishing sister city relationships with Municipalities of Cabugao, Sarat and Saipan.

► Created Maui County's first Sister Cities Festival in an effort to increase global cooperation at the municipal level, to promote multicultural cultural understanding and to stimulate economic development, attracting hundreds of visitors from around the world.

► Visited Fukuyama City, Kyoto and Hachijo-jima to discuss Maui County's sister cities program and common economic development issues.

► Traveled to Honshu and Okinawa, Japan to promote the visitor industry and to discover how the Japanese deal with the infrastructural issues such as its water and desalinization.

► Dedicated two peace poles in honor of Maui County's sister cities throughout the world.



Mayor Arakawa and Maui County Councilmembers with the Mayor and other representatives of the Municipality of Sarat.



A peace pole dedication at Sun Yat-sen Park in Keokea in honor of Maui County's sister city relationship with Hainan and Ping Tung Provinces.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

► For the 12th consecutive year, Maui was voted "Best Island in the World" by Conde Nast Traveler magazine. In 2005, Maui was also named overall "Top Travel Destination" in the world by the magazine.

► Mayor Alan Arakawa was named a Sister Cities International 50th Anniversary Distinguished Volunteer because of his dedication and support of Maui County's sister cities program. He will be honored in Washington, D.C. in July 2006.

► County of Maui captured the 2005 Project of the Year award from the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers, Maui Chapter, and honorable mention award from the American Council of Engineering Companies for modifications to the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

► County of Maui received the 2005 Most Improved Maintenance award from the US Army Corps of Engineers, Maui, for Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility's hurricane and shore protection project.

► County's Water Treatment Facility Manager Paul Seitz was selected to be the 2005 recipient of the George Warren Fuller Award for his outstanding contributions to the American Water Works Association, Hawaii Section.

► Maui Police Department Officer Denis Cabacungan was selected as the 2005 State of Hawaii DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Officer of the Year.

► Economic Development Coordinator Lynn Araki-Regan was named the 2005 Small Business Administration Women in Business Champion for Maui County.

► Maui Police Department's Lahaina Patrol Specialized Unit recognized among *The Maui News*' "People Who Made a Difference" in 2005 for cracking down on hot spots of criminal activities in West Maui.

► Maui Fire Department recognized among *The Maui News*' "People Who Made a Difference" for putting themselves at high risk to protect homes from a wind-blown brush fire in 2005.



Mayor & Mrs. Alan Arakawa welcoming various mayors and other dignitaries at a reception held at War Memorial Gym.



Wastewater Division Engineers recognized at the American Council of Engineering Companies for modifications to the Wailuku-Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility.



Paul Seitz



Lynn Araki-Regan with Governor Linda Lingle.

Projects in Progress:

- ▶ Constructing the new Kaunoa Senior Services Wellness Building.
- ▶ Implementing plans for expanding Pukalani, Kihei and Lahaina DMVL satellite offices.
- ▶ Introduced legislation for additional enterprise zones to encourage new investment and job creation in designated regions in Maui County. The legislation is currently pending before the County Council's Parks & Economic Development Committee.
- ▶ The Administration will be transmitting proposed legislation to the County Council for a military tax exemption.
- ▶ Working with the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism toward bringing its Business Action Center to Maui in February 2006.
- ▶ Doing an environmental assessment of the old Maui High School to create a campus to provide much needed services for mentally challenged and chemical dependent clientele.
- ▶ Working with the Hawai'i State Civil Defense toward upgrading mechanical sirens.
- ▶ Working to develop a reverse emergency notification system that could utilize the cellular telephone network to notify the public of an emergency.
- ▶ Continuing to assist homeless population.
- ▶ Continuing to work on thousands of units of new affordable housing.
- ▶ Working on a new press box for the Iron Maehara Baseball Stadium.
- ▶ Preparing to build the boundless playground at Keopuolani Park. The County Council recently approved the Department of Parks & Recreation's request to purchase equipment to begin construction.
- ▶ Working toward expanding operations at the newly opened Central Maui Landfill by increasing the number of drop-off bays and accepting white goods.
- ▶ Launching construction of the Department of Parks & Recreation's maintenance facility in Waiehu to protect equipment that would otherwise be left outside and ruined by salt air.
- ▶ Continuing the resurfacing of Makawao Avenue.
- ▶ Hamakuapoko Wells readying to be brought online.
- ▶ Pookela Well proceeding to become operational in summer 2006.
- ▶ The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system is moving forward. This will improve communications and effectiveness of the police officers by providing easy access to data and information. Each vehicle will be outfitted with a computer that allows our officers immediate access data.
- ▶ In the initial planning stages of a South Maui Police Station — a multi-million dollar project to build another main station on Maui.
- ▶ Negotiating to purchase Murphy Beach on Moloka'i.
- ▶ Geographic Information Systems (GIS) is working on maps that will show the location (not Civil Defense Warning Sirens throughout Maui County). These maps are vital to identify areas where coverage is needed.
- ▶ Working to transfer 50 acres of county property to actuate Lana'i High, Elementary, Maui Community College and youth center master planned expansion.
- ▶ Management Information Systems (MIS) is working with the Budget Office toward developing more efficient ways to compiling the county's annual budget.

Frequently Asked Questions:

I have a vehicle I wish to abandon. How do I get rid of it?

Call the Solid Waste Division at 270-7875 to obtain updated information about the county's recent abandoned vehicle removal efforts.

How do I dispose of old appliances (refrigerator, stove, etc)?

If you currently subscribe to the county's refuse service, the County of Maui has a free appliance pick-up program for you! Call today!
Central, South & West Maui: 270-7452; Upcountry: 572-3958

Where do I go for assistance in starting a business?

Visit the Maui County Business Resource Center located across from IHOP in the Maui Mall. Call 873-8247 or visit www.mcbrc.org. On Moloka'i, visit the Kuhau Business Center in Kaunakakai. Its phone number is (808) 553-3244.

How may I obtain a bus schedule?

You may download the schedule at www.mauicounty.gov/bus/busschedule.pdf

I'd like to be considered to serve on a board or commission. How do I apply?

Visit www.mauicounty.gov/boards/ or call 270-7855 to obtain a listing of all boards and commissions available as well as an application.

How do I find out if a registered sex offender lives near me or near my child's playground?

Visit <http://sexoffenders.hawaii.gov/index.html> to view Hawai'i's sex offender registry.

What is the phone number to schedule a road test?

MAUI	— 270-8080 (Call between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.)
HANA	— 248-8254
MOLOKA'I	— 553-3430
Lana'i	— 565-7878

When do I have to file a homeowners exemption and where do I file it?

If you own and occupy your property as your principal residence on December 31 preceding the tax year, you are eligible for a homeowner exemption and tax rate classification. The amount of the exemption depends upon your age. Homeowners must apply for a homeowner exemption by filing a claim form with the Real Property Tax Division office located in the Maui Mall Service Center. December 31 is the deadline for filing exemption claims and ownership documents.

What is a circuit breaker credit?

If you qualify for a homeowner exemption and your real property taxes exceed 3% of your adjusted gross income, you may be eligible for a circuit breaker tax credit. To apply for a credit, you must file an application with the Real Property Tax Division located in the Maui Mall Service Center and provide a signed copy of your federal tax return. December 31 is the deadline for filing circuit breaker applications for the next fiscal year. For more information, call 270-7297.

How do I access birth, death, marriage and divorce records?

Call the State of Hawaii Office of Information at (800) 468-4644 or visit http://www.state.hi.us/doh/records/vr_howto.html

How do I register to vote?

Visit http://www.hawaii.gov/elections/forms/voter_application.pdf to download both the instructions and application for the Wikiwiki Voter Registration.

Where may I return lava rocks back to Hawai'i?

Haleakala National Park, P.O. Box 369, Makawao, HI 96768

How may I find out what else the County of Maui is doing?

Visit www.mauicounty.gov to subscribe to the latest press releases, the newest additions to the website, and *The High Street Journal* — an employee e-newsletter published monthly and shared with the community online.



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From Moloka'i & Other Neighbor Islands: 1-800-272-0117

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